

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract on file, with the following rewritten abstract. A copy of the new abstract is included with this amendment on a separate sheet:

-- Abstract of the Disclosure (Revised)

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Method and apparatus using an intergroup working model for social conflict resolution. I hereby declare that I am the inventor of an Intergroup Working Model for Social Conflict Resolution. My model operationalizes conflict resolution. Use of open process vs. hidden (backstage) agreement/deal making to resolve conflicts, disagreements, stalemates, etc is key. There are 3 types of groups and groups, 4 negotiating spaces designed to support gradual rises in stalemates or difficulties with resolution. Movement according to 3 types of conflicts each representing a graduated difficulty in choice-making; Type I = a choice between opposites; II = want different things, must choose one; and III = want one thing must settle for different things. Everyone in attendance has the potential of contributing, being recognized as such, and participating (or not) in reframing questions, issues, etc, toward resolution — hard work. A consultant will be available with negotiating, as will the chorus [as in Shakespearean plays] to give a running account or summary of happenings to aid these large (15 persons) and/or small (5 person) intergroups in grasping multifaceted, quick moving events. Review and Review, application is performed — both in very small groups. Evaluation groups, evaluation, and follow-up discussions will take place. The whole exercise will take about 3½ hours. This model lessens the possibility of betrayals, and covert actions, because the whole process action has to be observed to be valid as basis for agreement. There is potential for development of trust over time.--



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